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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, IT, US, YO
SUBJECT: EXERCISE ALTANEA 74

1. WE ARE PROCEEDING PRUDENTLY WITH THE FLINTLOCK 74 SUB-
EXERCIZE IN ITALY, ALTANEA 74, BECAUSE OF THE ITALIAN-
YUGOSLAV DISPUTE OVER TRIESTE AND RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH
DARK IMAGE.

2. STATE AND DEFENSE ARE AGREED THE EXERCISE SHOULD GO
FORWARD, BUT WOULD WISH SOME MODIFICATION TO REDUCE
POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH EITHER ITALY
OR YUGOSLAVIA.

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3. REQUEST USCINCEUR, IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY ROME, ARRANGE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS TO EXERCISE WITH ITALIAN MILITARY TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY THAT ALTANEA 74 MIGHT INTRUDE INTO YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN DISPUTE OVER TRIESTE: (A) MOVE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF EXERCISE AREA AS FAR WEST AND SOUTH OF TAGLIAMENTO RIVER AS PRACTICABLE. (B) NO, REPEAT, NO PRESS RELEASE BY U.S. OR ITALY, WITH PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY LIMITED TO RESPONDING TO QUERIES AS SPECIFIED IN THE EXERCISE BRIEF FOR THE U.S.

4. REQUEST JCS/SECDEF, INFO DEPARTMENT, BE ADVISED OF RESULT ASAP IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FINAL EXERCISE APPROVAL.

5. UNTIL TRIESTE DISPUTE IS RESOLVED, EMBASSIES ROME AND BELGRADE SHOULD BE CONSULTED IN INITIAL STAGES OF PLANNING PROCESS FOR FUTURE EXERCISES IN VICINITY OF ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER AND APPROACHES TO GULF OF TRIESTE. KISSINGER

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